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VBT DDA to prepare grant for pedestrian walk

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, at its March 22 regular meeting, unanimously approved having Wade Trim engineers prepare a grant application for funds for a pedestrian bridge over I-94 along Belleville Road.

The Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments' grant deadline is May 2 and so the DDA directed Wade Trim to prepare the TAP Grant application and bring it to the DDA's April 26 meeting for a final decision on whether it should be submitted.

"Don't apply if you don't want to do the project," said Dave Nummer of Wade Trim. "You don't want to win a grant and turn it down. It's the last grant you'll get."

DDA member Ron Blank had misgivings about the project, estimated at \$2 million in total cost.

The grant request would probably be for \$300,000-\$400,000, with 60-70% matching funds from the DDA.

He said he would have felt better about the bridge if more DDA members were at the meeting to discuss the details. Five of 11 members were absent. He also wanted input from the township's public safety department.

Blank said the cost is a phenomenal amount of money, but he doesn't want to feel guilty about people being in danger while walking or biking over the freeway on Belleville Road.

"I want to be able to say to people out on the street: I made an informed decision," Blank said.

Supervisor Linda Combs and former Supervisor Helen Foster, both DDA members, said they supported the pedestrian bridge for safety reasons and also because the DDA is working on walkability within the district.

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The group posed for a photo at the Capitol building.

Helen Lyson, 90, joins Rosie the Riveters on flight to Washington

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Helen Lyson, 90, chaperoned by her daughter Jane Vesche, joined 42 other Rosie the Riveters in an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. on March 22.

Lyson said that morning the 43 Rosies, their escorts, and more than 62 members of the media flew out of Metro Airport on a Delta flight.

Lyson was one of the original Rosie the Riveters, women who worked the factories during World War II, producing munitions and war supplies critical to an Allied

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Helen Lyson was pushed around Washington by her daughter Jane Vesche during the Rosie the Riveters daylong trip.

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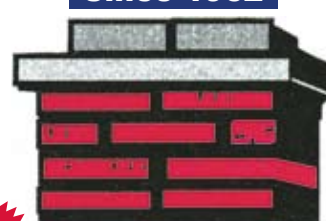
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VBT DDA

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At the March 22 meeting, Dave Nummer, Matt Stacey, and traffic engineer Lori Pawlik, all of Wade Trim, presented a 20-page feasibility study, a draft report, on a proposed pedestrian bridge over I-94 on the east side of Belleville Road.

Using various methods they suggested 32 people a day on average use the bridge either on foot or on bicycles. Stacey said that is expected to rise to just shy of 80 a day by pedestrians and bicycles after the bridge is built.

"If we build it, they will come," predicted DDA chairman Craig Atchinson.

Stacey said Michigan's Iron Belle Trail is a set of two trails, one for hiking and one for walking, that will span the state from Belle Isle State Park in Detroit to Ironwood in the Upper Peninsula. The hiking trail will be routed through Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville. Two options for the route are currently being considered: Either via Huron River Drive/Columbia Avenue or via Denton Road. Either option will bring non-motorized travel through VBT and the city of Belleville, he said.

"A pedestrian bridge is a potential opportunity to provide a connection from commercial area north of I-94 on Belleville Road and south to the Iron Belle Trail," the report said.

The report showed three pedestrian and three bicycle injury accidents over ten years, 2006-2015, in the area from Harmony Lane to the I-94 North Service Drive.

"The number of people is not important for the grant," Pawlik said. "It's the safety issue."

Chairman Atchinson said the pedestrian bridge over I-94 at Quirk Road was built in the late 1980s. That bridge is just a half mile west of the proposed new bridge.

Foster said that bridge was built because "children were killed."

The study shows people are not walking west to cross the freeway safely with that bridge and take the most direct route for them by walking along the edge of Belleville Road, a dangerous path.

Blank said they need a fuller board at the next meeting to make this important decision. And, it would be nice to hear what residents think of the project.

In other business at the 74-minute meeting on March 22 the DDA:

- Approved advertising for a request for proposals for Architectural Design and Construction Management Services for the DDA PlaceMaking Initiative on property owned by the DDA at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road. The property was originally purchased in 1900 by Herbert and Rose Harris, some of the early African American settlers in VBT. Two structures



21st-annual Bomber Buffing event coming Saturday, April 9

The Yankee Air Museum is inviting everyone to its 21st-annual Bomber Buffing.

The historic World War II Boeing B-17 heavy bomber "Yankee Lady" and North American B-25 medium bomber "Yankee Warrior" are on the west side of Willow Run Airport, in Hangar 1, Bay 8 and need their aluminum skin polished to a high gloss.

Winter inspections and maintenance are complete, the planes have been washed and this is the last step in preparing for the 2016 flying and air show season. It's a springtime

tradition at the Museum.

There is no cost to participate in this event that runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 9.

Fueling the event, a Marco's Pizza luncheon will be served for everyone buffing a plane. People are encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags. Mothers Polishes, Waxes and Cleaners, Inc. has donated plenty of aluminum polish for people to use.

"These planes are aviation rock stars and people of all ages come out every April to get up close and polish them," said Ray Hunter, chairman of the Yankee Air Museum Board of Directors. Believe me, it's a big help to our flight crew."

Hunter says this polishing party is especially meaningful because 2016 is the 30th Anniversary of Yankee Air Museum's purchase of the B-17, for \$250,000. Today, Yankee Lady is one of only ten B-17s still flying and one of only five on which people can take a ride.

"We are continually working on our aircraft," added Hunter. "Every year there are specific restoration projects on various areas of the planes to keep them in award-winning condition. This is important to us as a Museum that honors Veterans, and educates their children and grandchildren about the role of aviation in protecting America's freedom."

Hunter said most people only get to see planes like this flying overhead occasionally or on display behind ropes. He says the Yankee Air Museum wants people to be able to touch the aircraft and feel the excitement of getting them ready to fly.

"There's an added attraction this year,

the Douglas C-47 Skytrain and our Waco biplane will be offering rides, weather permitting," said Kevin Walsh, YAM Executive Director. "The Museum has been offering affordable air tours in these airplanes since late last year and for many, they have become the perfect entry level to vintage aircraft flying."

In planning the Bomber Buffing event, the Museum staff always work to make sure the event is appealing to the whole family.

"Let's face it, it's hard to compete with these cool planes, but we have added a separate event under the same roof in the next bay called the Detroit Aviation and Airline Collectibles Show," Walsh said.

According to Walsh, the collectibles show will feature Yankee Air Museum logo merchandise and dealers of airline memorabilia will be selling their specialties, as well. Walsh says that with the rich history of early airline development at Willow Run, this show is a natural attraction.

Yankee Air Museum security volunteers will be on hand to help direct free parking and access to the Bomber Buffing.

Hangar 1 is on the northwest side of the airfield. Follow the road signs for west and south access to Willow Run Airport to get to Hangar 1. Entry will be through the door under the awning of M2 Aircraft Management, Willow Run Airport, Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

VBT coal tar ban put under scrutiny

The head of a national group supporting the use of coal tar in driveway sealing said she will be at today's 7 p.m. meeting in Van Buren Township.

The township has invited local contractors who do driveway and parking lot sealing to a workshop at township hall. Officials said they plan to explain the new VBT ordinance banning the PAHs in coal tar. PAHs have been said to cause cancer.

The workshop is to spell out the new rules to contractors and give them information on what other products they can use and where to get them to make VBT a safer community.

Not so fast, says the Pavement Coatings Technology Council of Alexandria, VA. It accuses VBT of using faulty evidence to enact the ban and want it repealed. The council has a list of studies that says coal tar is safe.

VBT has already passed the ordinance and it can't be repealed at this workshop, so a debate is not on the agenda.

VBT has relied on retired university professor Dave Wilson and his colleague in the Huron River Watershed Council, Rebecca Esselman, for its evidence, also from many sources including the U.S. Geological Survey.

Officials at the city of Belleville and Sumpter Township may be watching this carefully. Dr. Wilson gave a talk on coal tar to the Sumpter Township Planning Commission and on the same night VBT Environmental Commission president David Brownlee addressed Belleville planners. No action yet in either place.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

So far, the following people in Van Buren Township have submitted petitions for the Aug. 2 election: Leon Wright for clerk, Phil Hart for supervisor, Reggie Miller and Jeff Jahr for trustees, and Sharry Budd for treasurer.

In Sumpter Township only John Morgan has officially filed for reelection as supervisor. I've been told the whole board plans to run for reelection and members are circulating petitions.

The deadline for filing petitions for the August election is 4 p.m. April 19.

We received a check from the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library. They must have received a new batch of checks because at the top it now reads: "Friends of the B.A.D. Library." Made me wonder if they'll get new checks printed once a brand-new library is built – like Friends of the GOOD Library.

On Easter Monday my dog Jessie died after fighting bladder cancer for months. I will miss her a lot.

She came to me as a puppy from Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue more than 10 years ago and had been my buddy ever since.

I watched a court case recently at 34th District Court in which an airline pilot testified how he was so drunk after a flight that he fell asleep with a stranger in his hotel room in Romulus and when he woke up his flight bag was gone, with all the maps and charts and iPad, etc.

Romulus Police caught the guy, who was seen on surveillance tape dumping the flight bag in a dumpster behind a hotel. The



pilot got his stuff back and the suspect was charged with a second theft that night. In the other theft, he allegedly held a knife to the throat of a guy he had been drinking with.

Then, early this week, we hear about another drunken pilot (not the same one) who was arrested when he was already in the cockpit of an airliner at Metro, getting ready to take off.

All this is to say: Wow. I'm sure flying is stressful and a pilot needs a drink now and then, but this is getting to be scary.

We're told Flop E. Bunny drew a large crowd of children to Victory Park in Belleville on Saturday and the weather was chilly, but nice. Kids had a great time playing in the straw that was strewn around to hide the treasures.

Easter Sunday was sunny and warm and we're all looking forward to continued spring weather, although our winter wasn't that cold this year.

The University of Michigan women's rowing team hosted an event on Belleville Lake last weekend. Michigan, Indiana, and Michigan State competed in four racing segments of 3,000 meters each on Friday. On Saturday the crews did two 1,500 meter races.

Michigan's "1V8" crew won each racing segment in the non-scoring events.

The next UM event is Saturday, April 2, where its teams will race Virginia and Clemson in Columbus, OH.


Katie Dallos, director of the Belleville Area Museum, is among those focused on the 1867 Riggs house at the corner of East Huron River Drive and Martinsville Road that is scheduled for demolition by Van Buren Township.

Dallos is asking them to save the corbels that decorate the roofs so they can be exhibited at the museum as part of the township's history. The insurance money from the barn fire behind the house is being used to demolish the house.

Dallos was contacted by Cathy Luke of Van Buren Township whose 10-year-old daughter Samantha is a budding photographer and took pictures of the house and the corbels. Cathy said she's not asking for the whole house to be saved, just the corbels besides the old brick the board members are trying to save to construct a sign or something.

At one point the house was going to be used as part of a mini Greenfield Village where old houses from the township would be moved to preserve them for history's sake. A new roof was put on the house and a crew came out to tend to the asbestos. Then it was neglected for years. Now, it's to be demolished. Go figure. Depends who's in office, I guess.





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Letters

Thank you to all who were there to support us

To the Editor:

On behalf of William (Bill) Budd's family, I would to thank everyone for being there to support us at this time. The beautiful flowers, contributions to the scholarship fund, food supplied for the family, for those who visited the funeral home, and for the many cards sent, words cannot express our appreciation.

Thank you,
Sharry Budd and family
Van Buren Township

Demolition of Riggs house must be stopped!

To the Editor:

Although I have never been inside the Riggs' home on Huron River Drive, several people who have, have related to me how charming it was. I was always intrigued by the cupola on top.

I would ask the township officials to reconsider their decision to tear down this historic building. Surely the many thousands set aside for its demolition could instead be used to remove the asbestos and to restore it. What a pleasant location it would then be for small weddings, teas, meetings, and so forth.

As my own family knows, fixing old buildings tends to be expensive. Working with and through our officials, I propose that a fund be set up immediately to aid in restoring it.

Let's not tear down another piece of our history. It can be saved if we work together. This demolition must be stopped!

C. Genevieve Riggs
Van Buren Township

Five Savage teachers need apologies now!

To the Editor:

I was raised on a set of World Books, a typewriter, and our local library.

Our children and their five accused teachers have access to the internet and that's exactly what our teachers used to help their students have more success with their M-STEP state test.

This was a brand-new test the kids took on the computer. In fact, their teachers used practice sites to explain to the kids how to use the test program. They had to teach their students how to use a special tool bar across the top of the screen that had a highlighter, in order to highlight key

words, and a cross-off button with a big red X for the process of elimination strategy. The practice site also had activities for the kids to use to practice for the M-STEP test.

Our young, top-performing teachers are enthusiastic, dedicated, resourceful and smart! They were raised to be tech savvy, and they know how to use the computer and show their kids how to use the computer to their advantage. They also motivated their students to make the test important. They taught their students, "We're going to beat this test."

When our five fabulous teachers prepared their students with alternative ways to solve a problem, as well as many other test-taking strategies, their students were incredibly well-prepared before ever taking their M-STEP test.

If our young children are required to take the standardized tests, then our teachers step into action and seize the opportunity to teach test-taking strategies.

These are not calculating, dishonest, shrewd teachers. Our five experienced teachers did not plot and plan and calculate together saying, "Ooooooooooh, let's all cheat." That's absurd! These teachers are kind, caring, sensitive, giving teachers working hard to do what's best for our developing children. They should be getting applause and compliments for the terrific job they did!

How many times are elementary schools lucky enough to have bright, talented, stalwart, steady, hard-working male elementary teachers who are wonderful role-models for our sons and daughters? Our Savage children have lost two highly talented and dedicated male teachers ... one permanently, because of our district's toxic climate and the other, who knows? He's been "weathering" our district's toxic climate, but then gets separated from his students for over two months because they did well on a test, where they prepared with diligence. There was no shred of proof of wrong-doing, other than high scores. Shame on someone's cynical, critical, judgmental, and negative thinking. Our five teachers deserve apologies from our former superintendent and our school board for the black mark attempting to scar their career.

I've been involved with this school district since 1968 and I have never witnessed such intense, horrific mental and emotional abuse against teachers in my entire career. Our five innocent, accused teachers are not the only ones suffering. They're just the current victims – 160 teachers and 14 administrators quit? That's just shameful! It's a travesty! This board needs to step up to the plate and make this mess right!

Our whole town knows our teachers are not guilty of anything, except caring for their students enough that they knocked themselves out preparing their students for a state test like they've never experienced. Kudos to all five of our teachers. They should be applauded for all of their exceptional endearing qualities that made them the incredible teachers they've

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Salvation Army rummage sale to earn funds for OWLS' trip

The public is invited to rent a table or space and sell their own stuff at the upcoming Salvation Army rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday, April 15, at The Salvation Army in Plymouth.

Initially, 13 tables have been reserved and they still are accepting table rentals at \$20 each.

Proceeds from the rummage sale will help support the Older, Wiser, Loving Senior (OWLS) group. Group members want to take an overnight trip to the Creation Museum in Petersburg, KY, to see the museum and the life-size replica of Noah's Ark later this summer or fall.

For more information or to reserve a table, contact Sandy Kollinger, Volunteer and Special Events Coordinator, Plymouth Salvation Army, 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, (734) 453-5464, MiSalPlymouth.org .



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Obituaries



Gracie Adkins

GRACIE ADKINS

(July 28, 1935 – March 26, 2016)
 Gracie Adkins, 80 years of age of Little Creek, KY and formerly of Belleville, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2016 at her residence. She was born July 28, 1935 in Pike County to the late Gilbert and Nellie Case Damron.

Gracie was a member of the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church.

Besides her parents she was preceded in death by her first husband Ernest Thornsby; two brothers Beryl Damron and John A. Damron; and three sisters Nona Akers, Marie Hall, and Betty Joyce Damron.

Gracie is survived by her husband Butler Adkins; five sons Ernie (Laura) Thornsby of Belleville, MI, Craig (Deidre) Thornsby of Belleville, MI, Steve (Kelly) Thornsby of Irmo, SC, Edward Adkins of Virgie, KY; four daughters Ada (Rick) Tishman of Belleville, MI, Leilia (Ron) Smith of Belleville, MI, Karen (Rick) West of Belleville, MI, Diane Hall of Virgie, KY; one brother Robert (Sue) Damron; one sister Erma (Joe) Maygar of Myrtle Beach, SC; 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, March 31, at 11 a.m. at the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carleton Rockwood Road, South Rockwood, MI 48179, (734) 379-4870, with Ray Hamilton and others officiating. Burial will follow in the Oak Ridge Cemetery in Flat Rock, MI. Visitation was at the Hall and Jones Funeral Home in Virgie, KY on Monday. Visitation also was at the Rose of Sharon Church after 4 p.m. Wednesday. Online condolences may be expressed at www.hallandjones.com.



Max (Mickey) Gooch

MAX (MICKEY) GOOCH

(October 15, 1948 – March 22, 2016)

Max (Mickey) Gooch passed away March 22, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital.

He was the son of Joyce (Jenkins) and Max Gooch, Sr., and was raised by Joyce and Jack Miller.

Grandparents were Hannah and Theodore Jenkins but the family was raised by Hannah and her second husband Leo Pietek.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, parents, and a sister, Johanna (Bob) Fenwick.

Max is survived by four sisters, Sharon (Roger) Stollings of Chapmanville, WV, Sandy (Kenneth) Lewis of Belleville, Betty "Bean" Gooch of Belleville, and Cathy Gooch of Ann Arbor; six nieces, five nephews, seven great-nieces, 15 great nephews, three great-great-nieces, three great-great nephews, and Puff the cat.

A memorial service and luncheon was held at the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge #782 on Friday, March 25.



Lorie Ann Evanchuk

LORIE ANN EVANCHUK

Lorie Ann Evanchuk, age 52, passed away on February 21, 2016. She is loved by her mother Rosamond Mytych, sister Michelle Overholser, and brother Mike Evanchuk. Lorie grew up in Belleville, had many friends, and was a very kind person.

Public invited to Savage School for rainforest show with animals

On Wednesday, April 6, Savage Elementary in Belleville will be transformed into a tropical rainforest and the public is invited to see it happen.

This comedy animal show will be at Savage Elementary School for one show at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be available at the door.

The show, "Live on Stage, The Rainforest," will make guests feel like they are right in the middle of the tropical rainforest with the beautiful sounds and sights of the Amazon region. They will also see exotic birds, kinkajous, monkeys and snakes.

It all started as a dream for founder and current director Mike Kohlrieser. In the 1980s Mike and his wife Marcia became increasingly aware of problems in the tropical rainforests. Using his already developed skills as an animal trainer and

stage entertainer, Mike wanted to educate young and old alike about these animals facing possible extinction.

In 1992 the non-profit organization Understanding Wildlife, Inc. was created. The goal is simple -- educate and inspire individuals to get involved and make this a better world for us all (including the animals) to live in.

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More Letters

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become.

My hope for our five innocent teachers is that our Board of Education writes each of them a sincere apology letter for the false accusation of cheating and thanking our teachers for their diligent and tenacious hard work teaching and helping each of their students be the best they can be. They need to welcome our teachers back into their students' days that are left until June. I only hope our five teachers can forgive their horrible, horrendous treatment by our former superintendent, when they did nothing but work hard for their students' successes in doing well on the M-STEP. I hope our teachers come back to their students. They did nothing wrong!

Our community is depending on the Board of Education to be incredibly selective of our next superintendent. On the top of the list, our next superintendent needs to be aware of this toxic climate our schools have been enduring. We trust and hope our Board of Education will choose the kind, caring, "people person" that will end this toxic climate, heal the district, and make it great again!

"Educationally" yours,
Evelyn Larabell
Retired VBPS teacher

P.S. Here's the irony: The M-STEP is "going away" after this year because of so many problems ... yipes!

VBT Trustee Miller donates to Arts Council

To the Editor:

As part of her election platform during her 2012 run for Van Buren Township Trustee, Regina (Reggie) Miller pledged to give back to the community by donating her salary to a number of local community organizations.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts was among the organizations that Trustee Miller pledged to help. Trustee Miller did indeed donate one-quarter of her salary to BACA for the last three years and she continues to fulfill her pledge into this fourth and final year of her tenure as BACA has recently received another generous donation from Trustee Miller.

The board and membership of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts expresses their sincere gratitude for Trustee Miller's continued generosity.

Kim Tindall, Corresponding Secretary
Belleville Area Council for the Arts

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Welcome grief counselor to Brown Funeral Home

To the Editor:

The David C. Brown Funeral home has always been committed to helping the community in various ways. From prearrangements to extraordinary care at times of need, the David C. Brown Funeral Home has made helping the community a priority for 34 years and counting.



Jackie Dalzell beginning April 20. The support group will run six weeks and more groups will be added throughout the year with varying topics. There will be morning and evening support groups offered.

The David C. Brown Funeral Home welcomes Jackie Dalzell, Grief Coordinator, to the Family Center. Jackie obtained her Bachelor of Science Degree and is currently enrolled in her Master's of Psychology at Kaplan University. Jackie has the empathy and compassion through life-changing events and grief experience in her own life, to bring a compassionate and caring heart to the Center. Jackie is looking forward to hosting the groups as well as other services and ceremonies which support Belleville and the surrounding areas.

Please visit the David C. Brown website www.davidcbrownfh.com to get the most updated information and schedule from their calendar of events. You may call the Family Center at (734) 697-5090 to inquire about an individual appointment or questions about grief support.

After-care is too often left unfinished, and the Brown Family Center provides the services at no cost to the community.

Sincerely,
Shelly A. Brown-Chudzinski
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UPS honors Donald Lauter for 25 years of accident-free driving

UPS driver Donald Lauter of Van Buren Township was recently inducted into UPS's prestigious Circle of Honor for achieving 25 years of accident-free driving.

Lauter served as travel writer for the *Belleville-Area Independent* for several years.

He along with 65 other elite drivers from Michigan are among 1,613 newly inducted into the company's honorary organization.

Globally, 8,703 active UPS drivers are members of the Circle of Honor. Collectively they've racked up more than 245,000 years and more than 5.3 billion safe miles during their careers. That's enough miles to travel to Mars and back 19 times.

Michigan boasts 280 active Circle of Honor drivers with a combined 7,798 years of accident-free driving. Thomas Camp of Livonia is the state's senior-most safe driver, with 53 years of accident-free driving under his belt, ranking him the safest driver among UPS' 102,000 drivers. There are 3,157 total UPS drivers in Michigan.



Donald Lauter

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees presented a plaque to recently retired Police Chief James Pierce for his years of service. After the meeting, some of the officers gathered for a photo. From left are Det./Cpl. John Toth, Chief Pierce, Officer Danielle Buccellato, and new Chief Eric Luke. In front is Cpl. James Ashby.

Sumpter Township approves 2016-17 budget after public hearing

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a public hearing on March 22, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved the amended 2015-16 and proposed 2016-17 budgets.

Financial Director James Glahn, CPA, told the board it is another positive year for the fiscally balanced General Fund budget.

He said the largest amount of revenue going into the budget is from the landfill tipping fees, which hit bottom in 2012 at \$1.2 million and was up to \$2.2 million this year. He said they put quite a bit of that into reserves, with a fund balance of more than \$5 million at the end of this fiscal year.

The General Fund did well, he said, but there was an extra expenditure when two police officers retired. They had been promised full medical and retirement, but that had been unfunded, so the Michigan Employee Retirement Service (MERS) sent the township a bill for \$400,000. Glahn said

they covered it.

The General Fund revenues were about \$4.9 million this year and proposed at \$4.8 million for 2016-17.

Glahn said the Water Fund didn't have to borrow this year. He said the township had 11 bonds when he came and now there are just two bonds. One of those bonds will be refinanced this year to save the township \$200,000 in interest.

An item of concern are the bills for Detroit water. He said up to 2009, Detroit would bill for the water used. Then in 2010, it started billing a fixed charge plus the amount of water used.

In 2009 there was no fixed charge and this

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year it is almost \$400,000.

"After the audit, we're going to do a water rate study to make sure we have the proper numbers," Glahn said.

As to the Fire Fund, Glahn said it continues to spend more than it takes in.

He said after the 2017 budget, they could ask for another ½ mill of taxes. He wouldn't

suggest asking for it this year since the township will be seeking renewals of the fire and police millages.

Or, ask the board to give them more money. He said the general fund has been giving the Fire Fund \$68,100 a year for 12 years and the board could decide to give them more money.

Glahn said, over the years, the Fire Department bought two fire trucks at about \$500,000 each and he was able to put down

\$200,000 each time and the fund paid \$50,000 for five years.

Plans call for the next truck to be purchased in 2023 and they have to start adding to the reserves.

"No way could we finance the fire truck otherwise," Glahn said.

"We've got to right the ship in that regard," he said.

The Library Fund no longer collects a millage since the millage now goes directly to the Belleville Area District Library. There is \$250,728 left in the Library Fund and it is gathering interest.

In other business at the March 22 meeting, the board:

- Held a public hearing and then approved transfer of Community Development Block Grant funds to pay for a proposed generator at the Senior Center. Funds were transferred from 2013-14 Demolition and Senior Services to Senior Center Improvements. Also, 2014-15 Senior Center Improvements were established as an activity and funds were transferred from Housing Rehab, Demolition, and Senior Services to Senior Center Improvements;

- Gave presentations to retired Police Chief James Pierce and to Chris Walter-Hamm in recognition of her late husband Trustee/Fire Fighter William Hamm. The Fire Department also presented her with her husband's badge;

- Approved the 2015-16 Wayne County Parks Grant of \$10,595, as approved by Wayne County on Feb. 29;

- Passed a resolution to establish who may use the Community Center for funeral dinners. The deceased person must have lived in the township;

- Approved the resignation of Police Officer Patrick Russell, effective immediately;

- Approved the Wayne County Annual Maintenance Permit Packages A-16044 and A-16099 and the Wayne County Annual Permit for Special Events Package A-16133;

- Approved Burnham & Flower Insurance Group Coverage for 2016-17;

- Approved fireworks by Great Lakes Fireworks for this year's Sumpter Fest on May 29, with a rain date of May 30; and

- Approved the Fire Department's Standard Operating Procedure: Driving Authorized Emergency Vehicles.

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JNG Auctions is holding a public auction this Saturday, April 2, beginning with previews at 6:30 p.m. at the **Q Banquet Center** at **879 Sumpter Road** in Belle Plaza. The cash-only auction will follow at 7 p.m. Items include collectibles and new Barbies. Visit www.jngauctions.com.

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Wayne County Community College Haggerty Road Campus is the place to drop off your gently used men's and women's suits, slacks, dresses, blouses, jackets, ties, shoes, briefcases, etc. on Wednesday, April 6 beginning at 10 a.m. in Room A222. The **WCCC District's Professional Closet** is a multi-campus program, dedicated to providing professional attire to WCCCD students as they prepare to interview, network, or participate in an internship where professional attire is needed. For more info, contact **Blane Hailemichael** at bhailem1@wcccd.edu.

The **Belleville Strawberry Queen Pageant** entry form is available in today's paper as a display ad. The winners will be announced after the 7:30 p.m. pageant at the BHS Auditorium on Friday of Strawberry Festival weekend, June 17. See the ad for rules, eligibility requirements, and the address to mail the entry forms.

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- **Saturday, April 9** – Walk for Autism’s Fun Run/Walk scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Belleville High School gymnasium to earn money for local schools that teach autistic students. Get sponsors to pledge for your walk and bring to the event. Hosted by Van Buren Eagles. Info: (734) 636-4909.
- **Wednesday, April 13** – Belleville High School Town Hall is set at the high school auditorium, 6 p.m., to discuss topics relevant to BHS.
- **Wednesday, April 13** – Chicken Supper

at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Road, New Boston, from 5 p.m. until sold out. Carry outs start at 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person, with children 12 and under \$5 each. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert, beverage. (734) 654-9020

• **Thursday, April 14** – “Homegrown Knowledge” program at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Program is Belleville Civil War Historical Society. Free.

• **Friday, April 15** – Moose Lodge at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads is presenting the “Blues Brothers” and the Great Southern Heat Band from 8 p.m. to midnight. Show starts at 10 p.m. Tickets on sale at the lodge at \$10 per person. Tables of eight can be reserved at lodge. Public welcome. (734) 325-7799.

• **Wednesday, April 20** – Huron Valley Ambulance is bringing Andy the Ambulance to the Van Buren Township Fire Department at 6 p.m. to teach children, ages 4 to 7, how to call 911 in emergencies and

other information. Free. Need to register in advance at www.andycalls911.com.

• **Thursday, April 21, Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23** – It’s the Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday is Bag Day @ \$4 per bag. Information: (734) 753-9048.

• **Thursday, April 21** – Belleville Area Museum presents the Third-Thursday Lecture Series featuring “Gone with the Wind” presentation by Kathleen Marcaccio. Doors open at 5 p.m., pizza served at 5:30 p.m., presentation at 6 p.m.

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VB Township Planners recommend marijuana cultivation facilities

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of a seven-page ordinance amendment that provides for regulation, location, and operation of medical marijuana cultivation facilities.

At its March 23 meeting the commission sent the recommendation onto the township board who will make the final decision on the ordinance at a future meeting.

The ordinance amendment would allow such facilities as special land uses in the M-2 (General Industrial) zoning district, mostly at the north end of the township.

VB currently has a moratorium on medical marijuana establishments until April 7. This moratorium was to allow the township time to study the issue and, if necessary, prepare ordinance amendments.

Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates planning consultants explained the regulations include:

- Requiring all marijuana growing and other activities to be conducted indoors only, including prohibiting outdoor storage;
- Prohibiting drive-through uses;
- A minimum 1,000-foot setback from religious institutions, public parks, residential zoning districts, residential land uses, child care facilities, and educational facilities. An analysis of the township zoning map indicates seven or eight M-2 area meet these setback requirements;
- Prohibiting on-site transfer, consumption, or retail sales;
- Limiting the number of caregivers per facility to six and requiring separate growing areas for each caregiver; and
- Additional requirements for security, access, parking, inspections, waste disposal and enforcement.

Sloan said there are currently three bills related to medical marijuana that were passed by the State House of Representatives last fall. These bills may be passed and signed into law this year. If changes need to be made to the VBT ordinance, it could

be amended in the future.

In other business at the 72-minute, March 23 meeting, the commission:

- Approved Elliott's Amusements to hold Belleville Spring Carnival from May 12 to May 22 at the Belleville Square (Farmer Jack) shopping center parking lot, 10800 Belleville Road with total fees of \$1,650. Debbie Elliott said they would like to hire police officers for security as in the past. She said they usually had two officers on every day and an additional two officers for Saturday evening. She said they had been at that location for four out of the last five years;

- Approved TNT Fireworks request for temporary land use for a tent sale of fireworks at the Belleville Road Walmart store June 23 to July 5. This is the third year they will be at this location;

- Discussed proposed zoning ordinance updates for Planned Unit Developments. After discussing with Sloan the various proposals, there was some discussion over whether PUDs were of value and whether the township should have them at all. The PUD gives bonuses in density for open space and other amenities; and

- Heard resident Paul Taylor tell of his problem with getting a variance for a larger outbuilding because of the wording in an ordinance. He said the township allowed him only a 30'x38' barn and so he has to buy a 32' barn and cut off two feet and throw it away. He said the planning commission could approve a new multiplier so he doesn't have to throw material away. Planning and Economic Development Deputy Director Matthew Best said there may be a need for a revision since the township is redoing the ordinance. He said the Agricultural or Estates District has standards the same as Residential. "Accessory structures for the Agricultural district south of Hull Road, I think we'll have more of these popping up," Best said. Commission chairman Carol Thompson told Taylor that to get the commission to revise his multiplier he has to apply and pay a fee.

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Belleville Council adopts EEO policy, disability accommodations policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting March 21, the Belleville City Council adopted a Disability Accommodation Policy and an Equal Employment Opportunity Policy, as required by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

After a civil rights complaint against the police department by a mother whose mentally handicapped teen had been sexually molested in the Belleville High School parking lot in 2014, the city was required to get training for officers and produce several documents, including these.

There was a bare quorum of three at the council table, since Councilmen Tom Smith and John Loria were absent and excused.

In other business at its March 21 meeting, the council:

- Approved paying 1% of the monthly base flow sewage disposal charges, that are paid to Wayne County, to the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority as an assessment by DUWA to all member entities to defray the cost of professional services rendered to the authority by contracted providers. The assessment will start with the January 2016 charges and continue through the end of the calendar year. DUWA is negotiating a purchase agreement with Wayne County to potentially purchase the Downriver Sewer System;

- Approved the annual Wayne County Maintenance, Special Events, and Pavement Restoration permits;

- Heard an update on The Senior Alliance by Aimee Page, Quality and Training Manager. She introduced Daniel Hampton and Melissa Beavers, also from the Alliance;

- Took no action on the request from the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce request to use the Fourth Street Square for a Beer Tent from noon to 7 p.m. on June 18 because they did not have enough information ready; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$95,394.47 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Election

Source, \$1,260 from the General Fund for ballot testing; to Hennessey Engineers, \$5,630.50 from the Trust for engineering and \$8,456 from Major/Local Street Funds for joint and crack sealing; to Patton Monument Co., \$1,039 for engraving from the Cemetery Fund; to Roy & Sons, \$3,708 from the Police Fund for tasers; to SLC, \$975.19 from the Water Fund for water main repair; and to Wayne County Accounts Receivable, \$525 from the Police Fund for prisoner housing in the Dickerson Facility.

Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, March 31 – Van Buren Township invites businesses who do driveway sealing to discuss the township's new coal tar ordinance at 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 5 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m. Also special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. at the high school, to begin search for new superintendent.

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Rosies in D.C.

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“It was a tremendous honor to be able to welcome dozens of ‘Original Rosies’ to our nation’s capital to honor them for their selfless service during World War II,” Dingell and Miller said in a joint statement.

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The Honor Flight, made possible by the Ford Motor Company Fund and the Yankee Air Museum, in partnership with Talons Out Honor Flight, brought the “Original Rosies” from the Detroit area to honor and celebrate them and their lasting contributions to this country.

The day included visits to the World War II Memorial, the Women in Military Service Memorial and a luncheon on Capitol Hill at the Library of Congress. A group picture was taken in front of the Capitol.

Lyson said they also went to a changing of the guard at Arlington Cemetery.

“They wouldn’t let us walk and we were

all pushed around in wheelchairs,” Lyson said, adding she will be 91 in August and still drives her own car. She doesn’t need a wheelchair at home.

Three years ago, Lyson moved from Belleville to the Pines Senior Apartments in Chelsea, where everything is convenient and she is close to her son in Grass Lake.

She was born in Poland and was two years old when her parents came to 40 acres on Haggerty Road in Sumpter Township, now the site of Crosswinds Marsh.

She walked a mile and a half to school, but never went to high school because there were no buses in that area of the township. She was the youngest of five children.

“I was living with my parents and desperately needing work,” Lyson recalled, saying she applied and was hired at Willow Run Bomber Plant. She first attached hoses to engines and then worked on the outer wing, attaching ribs with clamps before the wing proceeded to riveting.

She worked at Willow Run for two years. She said her parents were struggling with earning a living by farming and she gave them all her pay, except for the \$25 War Bond she bought every month. She said her brother Felix Kotlarczyk, who was fighting in Germany, died recently at age 92.

Lyson said her parents were able to get electricity installed and to pay off the mortgage. She said before that they lived on the farm for 15 years without electricity. As soon as they got electricity, they bought a Maytag washer and a Kelvinator refrigerator.

She got rides to work with people. She

said gas was rationed in those days and she paid her driver \$2 a week for rides to and from work. Her pay was \$1.10 an hour in cash, paid every two weeks.

Lyson said she belongs to the Rosie the Riveter group and they contacted her daughter about the flight. She said Congresswoman Dingell got it going.

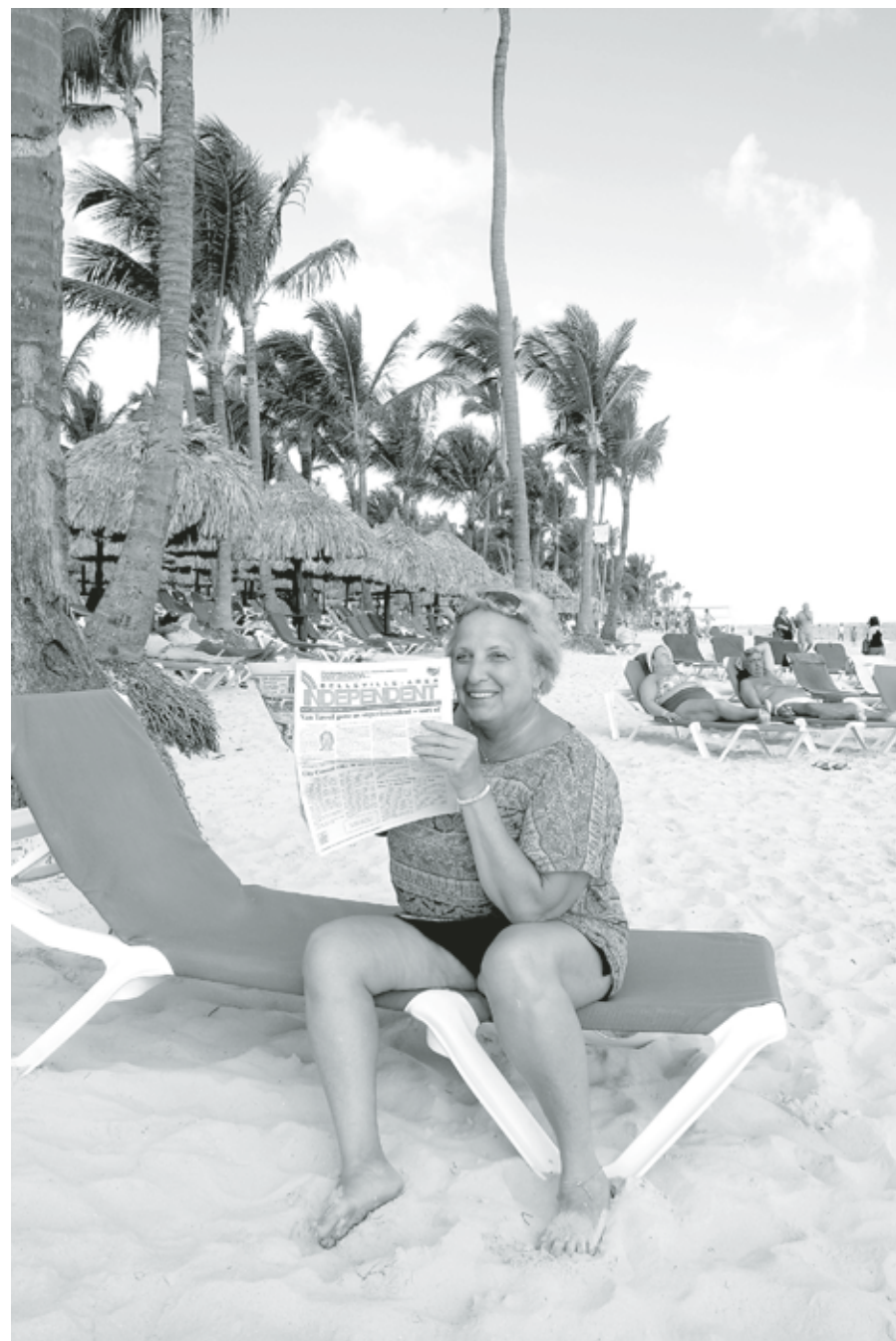
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Karen Skszek-Mida and her husband Bill went with their family (Jason, Kim, Ella and Sam Mida and Joe and Tammy Kennedy) to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic and stayed at the Grand Bahia All-Inclusive Resort in March. “We had such a wonderful trip – family is what it is all about! The grandkids loved the pool and the ocean, Kim and Tammy each caught a sailfish, and we all enjoyed the sunshine and beach!” Karen reports. Her report is labeled: “Beach Mom.”

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Court Watching:**Two men bound over for Sumpter roller rink stabbing, armed robbery**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Co-defendants Robert Kristopher Stilson and Santino Dominick Deleon were bound over to circuit court for March 30 arraignments on the information on charges from the same incident in Sumpter Township.

They were both charged with assault with intent to commit murder, assault with intent to do harm less than murder, armed robbery, and felony assault in the Halloween 2014 incident at a party at the roller rink in Sumpter Township.

Deleon, 24, a habitual offender from Saginaw, was brought to 34th District Court for his preliminary exam on March 23 from the Saginaw County Jail where he is being

held on separate charges. He is represented by retained attorney Rodney O'Farrell.

Stilson, 26, was brought from the Wayne County Jail, where he was being held on \$500,000/10% bond. His retained attorney is Sheldon Halpern, who went to Circuit Court Judge Timothy Kenny in Detroit to get his client's bond reduced.

Chief 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green said she had not heard of Judge Kenny's reduction of Stilson's bond until a few hours earlier. Halpern had been seeking a reduction of bond for Stilson, unsuccessfully, at the district court since his client was jailed.

At the preliminary exam before Judge Green, Halpern wanted an adjournment of the preliminary exam because he said was unprepared for the exam. He said Sumpter Police had given him so much evidence that he couldn't get through it all.

"It's been adjourned, adjourned, adjourned, adjourned," said Judge Green. "How long should you be afforded for the purposes of this exam? Two weeks ago you got discovery."

Judge Green asked co-counsel O'Farrell if he was ready and he said he had already had the probable cause conference moved two weeks and he got his discovery package from Sumpter a week ago. He said he was ready to proceed.

"This is for probable cause [for the preliminary exam], not a trial. We've got to try to get this case moving. This case is old."

Halpern persisted. He said in addition to the discovery itself, he has prior testimony of witnesses at a previous trial to read and he needs time for that.

"You can discredit witnesses at trial," Judge Green said, referring to the next step at circuit court.

Halpern persisted, saying police gave him three discs and that's three to four hours of viewing. It includes conversations, the chase, and other things.

Sumpter Det. John Toth said he gave the discovery items to Halpern. Det. Toth said Halpern said he had been on vacation.

"I cannot proceed," Halpern stood to state to the court.

"Have a seat. We're proceeding," Judge Green said and Halpern replied he is asking for a postponement in the interests of justice. Judge Green told him he could appeal her decision.

First witness was Christopher Michael Johnson, who was part of the security team for an icebreaker special event at the rink. He testified how he was advised that someone was smoking a cigar inside the club and he approached that person and gave him a warning because smoking inside was not allowed.

Then, he said he was advised the person was smoking again. Johnson said he asked the person to walk to the front of the building, where he planned to advise him to put it out or go outside and smoke.

Johnson testified Ralph Rosas told him to get off his homeboy and the smoker -- described as "a short Hispanic guy with glasses" -- punched him and then he punched the smoker. Johnson said his boss told him to go outside and he was there two to five minutes when Deleon burst through the door with a knife, yelling, "I'm going to f----- kill you." He said Deleon was followed by Stilson. Johnson identified the two co-defendants in the courtroom.

"I started running and Deleon was chasing me," Johnson said, adding he was in the front parking lot area and then ran down the line of parked cars. He said Deleon jumped up on the line of cars and chased him until he came to a fence and then he had to run back because there was nowhere else to go.

He said he was running until his security team could help him, but they didn't help him.

"I was running for my life," he said. He said Rosas and Deleon were chasing him, but not Stilson.

Johnson said he was running toward the front of the club, toward Deleon and Rosas and he ran between them with his arms up in the air trying to avoid the knife. He thought, at first, that Deleon had punched him, but he saw the blood and pulled up his clothing to see 18 inches of his intestine hanging out of his body over his pants.

He ran through the field toward the gas station with blood running down. He jumped a fence at the gas station and hid in somebody's back yard until his friend came in his car and he got in his friend's car. They went to the rink and, "I went to the first officer I saw. I went straight up and showed him what happened."

"Was Stilson with Deleon and Rosas?" the

prosecutor asked. "Absolutely," Johnson replied.

Johnson said he was in the hospital for three days and had surgeries. In cross examination he said there were 300 people at the rink that night and eight security people. Johnson said two were stationed outdoors and he was a "rover."

Three other witnesses testified -- Christopher Johnson, Anthony Jones, Daniel Gilliam, and Officer Salajan -- and then Judge Green bound over Stilson and Deleon to the higher court for trial.

Deleon was bound over on all the charges against him and Stilson was bound over on just assault with intent to do murder and assault with intent to do harm less than murder.

The third codefendant in the Sumpter roller rink case was Ralph Rosas, 29, also of Saginaw, who last summer was convicted by a Wayne County jury of assault to do great bodily harm less than murder and armed robbery. He was found not guilty of assault with intent to commit murder and the felonious assault charge was dismissed.

Rosas now is serving 18.75 to 50 years in prison, currently in the St. Louis, MI, correctional facility. He is appealing his conviction.

John Curtis Robertson

John Curtis Robertson, 24, has been charged with unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing the vehicle, assault on a police officer, and obstruction by disguise on March 3. He is being held in the Wayne County Jail on \$40,000/10% bond.

Robertson was scheduled to have his preliminary exam March 23 before Judge Green, but the prosecutor asked for an adjournment until 10 a.m., March 30, in order to get a necessary witness and Judge Green approved that request.

The incident started out in Sumpter Township where Robertson worked at an establishment. He is accused of stealing a car from a coworker and driving off with it. Police said he ended up in a ditch in Van Buren Township where he ran off and struggled with police and gave a false name as identification.

VB Police Lt. Charles Bazy said the Wayne County Prosecutor's office combined the Sumpter and VBT offenses into one set for the prosecution.

Dakota Christian Grinage

Dakota Christian Grinage, 22, is lodged in the Wayne County Jail on a \$25,000/10% bond. He was scheduled for his preliminary

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Public Notice

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COLBERT COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE
OF HAROLD GLEN CARRIGAN,
DECEASED
CASE NO.: 15-0263

NOTICE OF HEARING

A hearing is hereby set on May 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in the Probate Court of Colbert County, Alabama for approval of the sale of real and personal property in the Estate of Harold Glen Carrigan, deceased.

DEBORAH BELL PASEUR
Attorney for Petitioner, Matthew W. Coats
Administrator
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Publish: March 24, 2016;
March 31, 2016; April 7, 2016

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 560 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, March 20:
0013 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0017 – noise complaint, Pine Dr.
0036 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0129 – disturbance, Westlake
0405 – property damage accident, Boulder Pond Blvd. / Savage Rd.
0935 – assault & battery, Maple Dr.
1100 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1114 – private property accident, Sawgrass Ct.
1406 – trespassing, Woodgrove Dr.
1434 – mental, N. Bellridge Dr.
1645 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd.
1847 – assault & battery, Beckley
1925 – fraud, Florence Ln.
1949 – assault & battery, Ash Dr.
1957 – mental, Hull Rd.
2025 – narcotics crime, Meadows Cir.
2042 – mental, Hull Rd.
2053 – narcotics crime, Oak Ln.
2131 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, March 21:
0255 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0850 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0952 – harassment call, Dorchester Dr.
1022 – suicide or attempt, Hoeft Rd.
1129 – abandoned auto, Hanover Dr.
1140 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1403 – child abuse, E. Huron River Dr.
1429 – fraud, Lake Villa
1554 – property damage accident, Lenmoore Ave.
1611 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1650 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green Ln.

1840 – juvenile complaint, Ecorse/Belleville Rd.
1847 – private property accident, E. Schooner Dr.
1852 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1902 – assault & battery, Alden Ave.
1925 – juvenile complaint, Freedom Way

Tuesday, March 22:
0752 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville
1026 – private property accident, Ecorse Rd.
1350 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1613 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1656 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1706 – traffic hazard, Martz Rd.
1815 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Lodge Lanes
1820 – assault & battery, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1842 – larceny, Park Estates
1918 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1940 – assault & battery, N. Liberty
2018 – vehicle repossession, E. Huron River Dr.

Wednesday, March 23:
0004 – assault & battery, Sadie Ln.
0447 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0814 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0932 – code enforcement, Endicott Ave.
1009 – agency assist, Van Buren Ct.
1137 – child abuse, Denton Rd.
1321 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
1357 – fraud, Westlake
1424 – breaking & entering, Mantauk Ct.
1814 – fraud, Pond Bluff Dr.
1840 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
2046 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
2241 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, March 24:
0244 – liquor violation, Belleville Rd.
0620 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.
0739 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
0923 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1145 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1239 – assist fire dept., I-94 WB/Haggerty
1454 – noise complaint, S. Woodbury Dr.
1600 – neighbor trouble, Savage Rd.
1732 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

Sunrise Ln.
1843 – liquor violation, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2045 – suicide or attempt, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2054 – water leak found, Greenbriar Dr.
Friday, March 25:
0144 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0808 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1125 – fraud, Michigan Ave.
1128 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1225 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1345 – fraud, America
1358 – private property accident, Belleville Square
1509 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1643 – fraud, Brookside Dr.
1910 – breaking & entering, Freedom Way
2247 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

Saturday, March 26:
0308 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
0358 – breaking & entering, Mott
0423 – private property incident, Westlake Cir. / Belleville Rd.
1203 – disturbance, N. Bellridge Dr.
1345 – larceny, Maude Ct.
1355 – intimidation threat, Belleville Rd.
1554 – larceny, Brandi
1559 – fraud, Belleville
1607 – noise complaint, Woodbury Green
1625 – water leak found, Wheeler St., cancelled
1727 – narcotics crime, Kirkridge
1731 – noise complaint, Elwell Rd.
1934 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron

River Dr.
2030 – retail fraud, Rawsonville
2241 – disturbance, Oak Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 207 traffic stops, with 33 of those on the I-94 or I-275 freeways and 10 within the city limits of Belleville.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 20:
0413 – agency assist, Savage/Boulder Bond
1020 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1112 – civil matter, Carmell St.
1604 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2216 – agency assist, W. Wabash Ave.
2254 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Monday, March 21:
0918 – property damage accident, Main St.
0920 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1031 – animal complaint, N. Edgemont Ave.
1328 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1343 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Owen St.
1514 – property damage accident, Main/First
1603 – assault & battery, Sumpter Rd.
1728 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2135 – panic alarm, N. Liberty St.

Tuesday, March 22:
0248 – suspicious situation, Potter Dr.
0858 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1002 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Owen St.
1602 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1615 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.
1705 – information, Main St., cancelled
1934 – domestic assault, N. Liberty St.
2338 – assist fire dept., Henry St.

Wednesday, March 23:
0529 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0706 – suspicious situation, Harbour Pointe Dr.
0830 – water leak found, Potter Dr.
0841 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1053 – sexual assault, Quirk
1132 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa Blvd.
1229 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty/Third
1246 – information, W. Columbia Ave.
1246 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1518 – assist fire dept., Second St.
1737 – ordinance violation, Loza/Huron River Dr.
2047 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
2110 – domestic assault, Loza Ln.
2112 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.

Thursday, March 24:
0103 – assist fire dept., Henry St.
0751 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St.
1423 – private property accident, South St.
1540 – disorderly conduct, Fifth St.
1547 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.

1607 – civil matter, Sumpter Rd.
1729 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1939 – larceny, N. Liberty St.
2044 – suspicious vehicle, Owen
Friday, March 25:
0319 – parking complaint, Victorian Ln.
0557 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0934 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Third St.
1252 – welfare check, Main St.
1752 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1944 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
2153 – vehicle lockout, Marathon
2210 – suspicious situation, Brain St.
2345 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

Saturday, March 26:
0102 – warrant arrest, old MSP Post, Huron St.
0215 – narcotics crime, W. Waterbury Ct.
0530 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
1126 – civil matter, Fourth St.
1423 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
1549 – larceny, Brandi, cancelled
1552 – suspicious person, Frosty Boy, cancelled
1713 – juvenile complaint, Owen Middle School
2213 – juvenile complaint, Waterbury/Victorian Ln.

2343 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
Also on this week’s log are 36 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 20:
0350 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Fenster Rd.
0800 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1118 – well-being check, Rustic Ln.
1223 – well-being check, Arizona
1228 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1327 – malicious destruction of property, Carriage Ln.

1702 – neighbor complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1900 – animal complaint, Martinsville/Harris
2113 – warrant arrest pick up, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2324 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.

Monday, March 21:
0013 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
0250 – alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0502 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0808 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1219 – well-being check, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1226 – fraud complaint, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1258 -- neighbor complaint, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1437 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1438 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1755 – harassment complaint, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1826 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1927 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
2034 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Tuesday, March 22:
0414 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0802 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1159 – assist other agency, out of township
1514 – well-being check, Willow/Sumpter
1701 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2031 – personal injury accident, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, March 23:
0628 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1205 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1301 – missing person, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1404 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1416 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sherwood
1444 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1530 – subpoena service, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1622 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Thursday, March 24:
0438 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0746 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0759 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0802 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1110 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Martinsville
1346 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1506 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming
1559 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
2014 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Sumpter
2111 – parking complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, March 25:
0030 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0558 – mental health commitment, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1004 – death investigation, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1319 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1556 – civil dispute, New Mexico
1815 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

Saturday, March 26:
0816 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0817 – hunting complaint, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
0838 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0858 – death investigation, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1310 – criminal sexual conduct, 50000 bl. Willis
1612 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1702 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1900 – disorderly person, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1955 – assist other agency, Arizona
2349 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 10 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 125 patrol checks, and 61 traffic stops.

Court watching

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exam before Judge Green on March 23 on two misdemeanor charges of aggravated domestic assault and one felony charge of assault on a police officer in VBT that occurred March 5.

He waived that preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for his arraignment on the information on March 30. He was represented by court appointed attorney David Lankford.

Sharitta Marie Givens
Sean Lee Wells

Co-defendants on first-degree home invasion charges on Feb. 16 in Van Buren Township are Sharitta Marie Givens and Sean Lee Wells. They are scheduled for their preliminary exams before Judge David Parrott on March 30.

Givens, 34, posted her \$5,000/10% bond and hired attorney Christopher Quinn. Wells, 42, remained lodged on \$10,000/10% bond. He is being represented by retained attorney Kirsten Iverson, but another attorney stood in for her at a probable cause conference on March 23.

A request was made to lower his bond from \$10,000 to \$5,000, but Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Ryan Lukiewski objected saying Wells and his co-defendant were wearing masks and brandishing tire irons. He said there was a confrontation and Wells raised the tire iron. He said he believed Wells was very dangerous. Judge Green left the bond as it was.

Patricia Marie Bowler

Patricia Marie Bowler, 25, took a plea deal on her felony charge of possession of analogues. She pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of use of a controlled substance and Judge Green gave her one year of deferred sentence and a fine of \$1,000 plus costs.

Bowler told Judge Green she had been using a controlled substance in VBT on Aug. 12, 2015. She said she had been addicted to OxyContin in the past.

Jaquette Ravae Faulks

Jaquette Ravae Faulks, 24, faces charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of property more than \$200 but less than \$1,000, and driving while license suspended on March 9 in VBT. She was out after posting bond of \$3,000/10%.

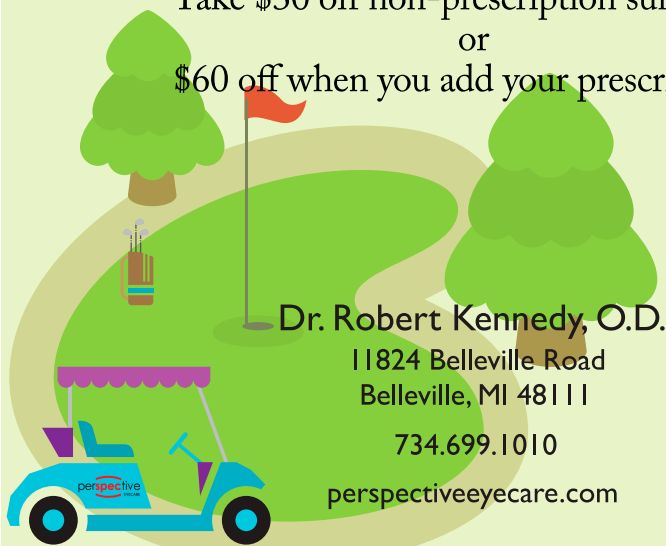
Her probable cause conference was March 23 and she is scheduled for her preliminary exam on March 30.

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Phillip Hart files for supervisor position in Aug. 2 VBT election

Phillip C. Hart, Democrat, has announced his candidacy for Supervisor of Van Buren Township and has filed the required nominating petitions to place him on the ballot for the Aug. 2, 2016 primary election.

Hart said he believes that the need for qualified, effective leadership will be an important issue in this election.

"We now have a budget of over \$14 million and 150 township employees," he said. "Managing such an organization requires a leader with the proper background, experience, and leadership skills."

The township is facing several significant challenges, but with proper leadership Hart said he believes that these issues can be resolved.

"We must also look to the future," he said. "We must recognize that we are a desirable community in which to do business and to live and raise our families. Our location has many advantages for development and future growth is inevitable, with this understanding I have earned a Citizens Planner Certification in planning and zoning through Michigan State University. Qualified leadership is vital to manage, control and take advantage of this expected growth."

Hart said he believes that he can provide this leadership. His education, private-sector management experience, governmental experience and a clear record of dedicated community involvement has prepared him for this role.

Hart has been a resident of the township for 33 years. He and his wife Karen married in 1984 and they have two daughters, Ashley and Blair, and both are graduates of Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University.

Hart received a Bachelor in Business Administration degree from Northwood University and an associate's degree in Commerce from Henry Ford Community College.

He has also attended numerous seminars and training sessions on management and leadership skills. Hart is enrolled in the Michigan Township Governance Academy.

Hart recently left Ford Motor Company after a 38-year career. He held multiple technical and management positions.

"As a New Model Launch Specialist, I was responsible for leading the Launch Team in the introduction of new models," he said. "Team members included design, manufacturing and quality engineers, as well as global suppliers. Budgets and human resource management were also important areas of responsibility."

"My employment experience has taught

me the value of a 'team approach,' a concept that I will bring to the Supervisor's office."

Hart is now completing his fifth term as Van Buren Township Trustee.

"I am very humbled and grateful to the residents for their continued support and confidence in me" Hart stated.

Hart's record of governmental services include: Board representative to the Public Safety Committee, Environmental Commission, Cable Commission, Lake Committee, Solid Waste Negotiation Committee, member of the Public Safety Millage Committee and member and past chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals.

"I am a member of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Township Association, St. Anthony's Church and the Belleville Yacht Club. I believe that I have established a true record of dedication to the community and I have built relationships with other elected officials on the local, county and state levels which is valuable to our community."

Hart said he believes he has been effective in representing the community and that there is more work to be done. He said he has always been an advocate for our community and represents Van Buren Township in a positive and professional manner.

Hart said he believes that communication is vital to effective leadership and that a healthy debate on important issues facing Van Buren Township benefits all the residents.

"As Supervisor I will work closely with the entire board and will continue to seek input from each board member, as well as from employees, residents and the business community" he stated. "It is important to provide the highest level of services to our residents in a cost-effective manner and to eliminate unnecessary expense. Working together we will move Van Buren Township forward toward our goal of becoming a premier community."

"I hope that the residents will give me the opportunity to continue to serve our community by voting for me as Supervisor in the Aug. 2, 2016, Primary Election. I will need your help and support. I will truly appreciate any assistance that you can provide to my campaign."

"I can be reached at philliphartforvbt@comcast.net."

Four Belleville residents get degrees from WMU in Dec.

Four residents of Belleville earned degrees from Western Michigan University on Dec. 19, 2015 following the fall session. Devine Auriana Loving earned two bachelor of science degrees. Karlie Ranea Mitchell earned a bachelor of science and a bachelor of social work. Casey Stephen O'Keefe earned a bachelor of science degree. Ashlee P. Wade earned a bachelor of arts.

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